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Remarks

The Examiner has objected to the Rule 111 Amendment under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) as introducing new matter in the amendment to the paragraph in the Summary of the Invention therein that corresponds to independent claim 9. Applicant had in the Rule 111 Amendment amended that paragraph to include the amendments made to claim 9 in the Rule 111 Amendment. Applicant has in this Amendment canceled that paragraph.

The Examiner has rejected independent claim 9 as amended in the Rule 111 Amendment and claims 17-18 added in the Rule 111 Amendment and which are dependent on claim 9 under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112 as containing new matter. Applicant has in this Amendment canceled those claims.

The listing of the claims in the Rule 111 Amendment identified claims 1-3 and 5-8 as "previously presented". That was an error as these claims are the original claims and therefore applicant has herein identified them as "original" claims.

Applicant notes the Examiner's allowance of claim 1-8 and 10-16. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested as it will place this application in a condition for allowance.

Petition and Fee For Extension of Time

Applicant also includes herewith a Petition and Fee For Extension of Time asking that the period to respond to this Action be extended to four months from the May 31, 2005 date of the mailing of the Action. As is set forth in the Facsimile Transmittal Letter to which this Amendment is attached the required fee is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 05-0877.

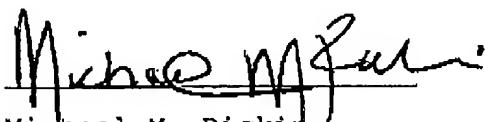
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